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In re application of: **Masato ITOH et al.**

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For: **LINEAR MOTOR**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 2, 2001

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) A linear motor as set forth in any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the thickness of the magnetic sheets is a thickness of not more than half the pitch of the platen dots.